

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

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RURAL PROGRAMMES FROM PATNA DOORDARSHAN
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the duration of rural languages programmes relayed from Patna Doordarshan Kendra, language-wise;
- (b) whether there is any scheme to increase the said time limit;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the amount made available to the Patna Doordarshan Kendra for relaying programmes under the commission category during the last financial year;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to increase the amount of Commission and the number of programmes under the said category during the current year; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): Prasar Bharati has informed that Doordarshan Kendra, Patna, telecasts programmes in local languages/dialects for rural viewers as follows :-

- (i) Rural programmes in dialects 90 mts. per week including Grameen Bharat.
- (ii) (a) Bhojpuri and Magdhi - 60 mts. per month.
(b) Sponsored programme
Bhojpuri Mahabharat - 30 mts. per month.
- (c) Health Magazine programme named `Kalyani` in Maithili & Magadhi.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Nil.

(e): Prasar Bharati has informed that there is no such proposal.

(f): Does not arise.